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Tickets Available for the Glenwood Chamber's Annual Awards Gala at the Aspen Glen on April 23
Event Honors 2008 Achievements of Local Businesses and Individuals

The Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association is proud to present the 2009 Annual Awards Gala, honoring achievements of local businesses and individuals, at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 23 at the Aspen Glen Club. Award categories include: ATHENA, ATHENA Young Professional, DECA Entrepreneur of the Year, Bosco Tourism Business of the Year, Green Business of the Year, Philanthropic Business of the Year (small and large business categories), Top Brass Awards and the Chamber Volunteer of the Year. Tickets are available at glenwoodchamber.com/awards or by calling the Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association at (970) 945-6589.

This year's gala marks the sixteenth year for the annual ATHENA award that honors an exceptional local woman or man who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in assisting women in reaching their full leadership potential. Last year's ATHENA recipient was Deb Wiekking.

The ATHENA Young Professional Award will be presented again this year as well. This award recognizes an emerging leader who gives back to the community and serves as a role model for young women. Andrea Porter received the honor last year of being Glenwood Springs' first ever ATHENA Young Professional.

The DECA chapter at the Glenwood Springs High School will present its annual award for local Entrepreneur of the Year, and Schmueser Gordon Meyer will present the Green Business of the Year Award, recognizing a business which has minimized its environmental footprint and encourages the community's environmental stewardship.

The Chamber Ambassador Committee will select the Top Brass Awards based on personal or professional achievement, business expansion or milestones of the past year. The accomplishments must have taken place between January and December of 2008 to qualify. Awards will also be presented to the Large and Small Philanthropic Business of the Year, Bosco Tourism Business of the Year and Chamber Volunteer of the Year.

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About the Glenwood Springs Chamber: Located in the heart of the downtown at 1102 Grand Avenue in Glenwood Springs, CO, the Glenwood Springs Chamber is a not-for-profit organization with over 650 members. The purpose of the GSCRA is to provide leadership, promote commerce, encourage measured growth and continue to support such endeavors which will enrich the quality of life in our community. For more information, or to become a chamber member, phone (970) 945-6589.